ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

There is disclosed an information processing apparatus/method comprises inputting variable length packet data including packet length information indicative of a packet length and encoded information data, and identification flag information for identifying the packet length information, distinguishing the packet length information included in the packet data in accordance with the identification flag information and judging the packet length of the packet data, and generating the variable length packet data into fixed length packet data in accordance with the judgment result and transmitting the fixed length packet data.